

6.8.1997 but has not been commissioned so far due to some manufacturing defects in the generating equipment. Retification work is already in progress by the supplier of generating equipment.

Inclusion of Power in the Central List

3574. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for removal of power from the concurrent list and inclusion of the same in Central list giving full responsibility to Central Government is under consideration of Government to attract direct foreign investment desired by international and internal financial institutions;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard in recent years; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of Power in A.P.

3575. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Power in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has been denied due share in Power Sector;

(d) if so, the details of new schemes proposed for Andhra Pradesh for improvement in voltage and its production;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the power tariff for farmers has been hiked from 35 paise to 50 paise w.e.f. April 1, 2001; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

[18 April, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh experienced energy shortage of 7.8% and peak shortage of 14.6% during the period April 2000 to March 2001. The details are as given below :

Energy (Million Units)		Peak (MW)	
Requirement	47792	Peak Demand	8000
Availability	44055	Peak Met	6835
Shortage	3737	Shortage	1165
Percentage	7.8%	Percentage	14.6%

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise. However, generating schemes having total capacity of 3233 MW have been programmed during the 9th Plan period in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(e) and (f) According to APTRANSCO, Government of Andhra Pradesh, there is no hike in flat rate tariff for Agriculture. However, the metered (optional) tariff is revised as follows :

Prior to 01.04.2001	From 01.04.2001
All units: 35 Paise/unit.	0-2500 units per annum: 20 paise/unit.
	More than 2500 units per annum: 50 paise/unit.

Amendment in Power Purchasing Agreement of Enron Power project

3576. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have persuaded Enron Power Project authorities for an amendment to its power purchases agreement;

(b) if so, the response of the Enron authorities and details of the changes suggested in the agreement; and